THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

SERVICE NOTES AND NEWS — AIR MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAFF COLLEGE, CAMBERLEY

The undermentioned officers have completed satisfactorily the course at the Staff College, Camberley, which terminated in December, 1936:—

Wing Cdr. M. Moore, O.B.E., *p.s.a.*, and Sqn. Ldr. W. Elliot, D.F.C., *p.s.a.*

ROYAL NAVAL STAFF COLLEGE

The undermentioned officers have completed satisfactorily the course at the Royal Naval Staff College, Greenwich, which terminated in December, 1936:—Wing Cdr. G. E. Livock, D.F.C., A.F.C., and Sqn. Ldr. (Acting Wing Cdr.) W. M. Yool, *p.s.a.*

SPECIAL 1ST TORPEDO COURSE

The undermentioned officer, having successfully completed the torpedo course which terminated on November 27, following the specialist course at the Royal Air Force School of Aeronautical Engineering, is granted the symbol "E (T)":—Flt. Lt. N. C. Walker.

R.A.F. RUGBY UNION

Air Marshal Sir Arthur M. Longmore, K.C.B., D.S.O., has kindly consented to succeed Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., as President of the Royal Air Force Rugby Union.

AIR ARMAMENT SCHOOL

The undermentioned officers, having successfully completed the specialist armament course at the Air Armament School, Eastchurch, are granted the symbol "A":—Flt. Lts. F. C. de la P. Beresford-Peirse, A. N. Combe, H. Y. Humphreys, E. C. Ingham, D. S. Kite, I. G. Mackay, and E. D. MacK. Nelson.

The following officer also successfully completed the course:—Lt. L. A. Wilmot (S.A.A.F.).

FORMATION OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT CO-OPERATION UNITS

No. 2 Anti-Aircraft Co-operation Unit formed at Lee-on-the-Solent on February 15 and includes No. 1 Gunnery Co-operation Flight which ceased to exist as a separate unit from that date. The new unit has been placed in the Coastal Command in No. 17 (Training) Group.

No. 3 Anti-Aircraft Co-operation Unit will form at Hal Far, Malta, on March 1, and will include No. 2 Gunnery Co-operation Flight which will cease to exist as a separate unit from that date. The new unit will be placed in the R.A.F. Mediterranean Command.

PERMANENT COMMISSIONS AND MEDIUM SERVICE

Sixty-three officers who sat for the examination held in November, 1936, reached the qualifying standard. Specialisation vacancies will be allotted to the first sixteen, whose names are given below in order of merit:—

(A)

F/O.s Hurley, H. B., Birch, S. G., Musson, R. G., Thomas, J. B. P., Gibson, L. P., Richardson, F. C., Sarsby, C. F., Seys, R. G., Theed, W. A., Thomson, G. J. D., McKay, K. J., Leggett, D. N. J. P., Bandidt, A. F., McWhannell, P. A., Flt. Lt. Palmer, E. J., F/O. Robinson, B.

SELECTED FOR NON-SPECIALIST PERMANENT COMMISSIONS

Flt. Lts. Hobler, J. F., and Lee, H. G.; F/O.s Alloway, H. V., Blomfield, O. H. D., Craig, R. J. F., Dunn, P. H., Gatheral, G. H., Gilbart-Smith, N. D., Golledge, G. W., Graham, W. M., Hodder, C. C., Hutchinson, P. S., Loudon, F. M., Rump, F., Selby, J. P., Shepherd-Smith, J., Spencer, L. V., Strutt, A. G., Taylor, C. R., Thomas-Ferrand, H. M. W.

SELECTED FOR MEDIUM SERVICE

F/O.s Bertram, S. S., Birch, A. M. A., Boult, N. de W., Cane, A. P. W., Clarke, E. H. P., Cooper, F. E. H., Gibbings, P. H., Glasheen, V. W., Gregory, R. R., Gyll-Murray, J. E. C. G. F., Hilton, P. C., Hollick, A. P., Jackson, G. E., Lynham, V. H. P., McCarthy, J. J., Marwood-Elton, N. W. D., Meagher, P. E., Misselbrook, S. T., Mulliken, A. M., Nugent, F. D., Pattison, R. V. L., Paul, B. J., Solbé, E. U. G., Southwell, J. M., Taylor, J. C., Toland, G. T., Waterhouse, R. H., West, H.; P/O. Holford, H. A. R.

MARINE CRAFT

The Air Ministry is offering commissions to officers of the Royal Naval Reserve for duties with R.A.F. marine craft.

No. 3 FLYING TRAINING SCHOOL

The undermentioned officers and airmen have been awarded special assessments on completion of a course of flying training at No. 3 Flying Training School, Grantham:—

Special Distinction

Acting P/O. A. G. Malan.

Distinguished Pass

Acting P/O.s I. G. Morrison, G. G. Storey, W. P. F. Treacy, and C. A. Turner; Acting Sgts. Freeman, T. O., and Wheeldon, G. R.

No. 4 FLYING TRAINING SCHOOL

The undermentioned officer and airman have been awarded special assessments on completion of a course of flying training at No. 4 Flying Training School, Abu Sueir:—

Distinguished Pass

Acting P/O. R. W. Gautry, and Acting Sgt. Jones, C. A. T.

No. 6 FLYING TRAINING SCHOOL

The undermentioned offices have been awarded special assessments on completion of a course of flying training at No. 6 Flying Training School, Netheravon:—

Distinguished Pass

Acting P/O.s B. MacCallum, G. V. Smither, and T. R. Thomas.

No. 10 FLYING TRAINING SCHOOL

The undermentioned officers have been awarded special assessments on completion of a course of flying training at No. 10 Flying Training School, Tern Hill:—

Distinguished Pass

A.P/O.s W. B. G. Bonsey, M. F. Hendry, and G. E. Newton.

ADEN

As from April 1, 1937, the contribution by the Government of India towards the cost of the Aden garrison will be discontinued.

STUDY OF MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Swahili has been added to the list of languages for which tests for colloquial proficiency are held.

A CHANGE OF TITLE

The anti-aircraft co-operation unit at Biggin Hill will be named No. 1 Anti-Aircraft Co-operation Unit with effect from February 10, 1937.

R.A.F. STATION, THORNABY

The refuelling facilities at Thornaby are limited, and aircraft are not to land there for refuelling except in emergency.

No. 41 SQUADRON DINNER

The annual reunion dinner of officers of No. 41 Squadron will be held at the Café Royal, London, W.1, at 7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m., on Saturday, February 27. The chair will be taken by Group Capt. F. Sowrey, D.S.O., M.C., A.F.C. Tickets—15s. 6d. each, including wine—may be obtained on application to the honorary secretary, P/O. G. E. Wallace, No. 41 Squadron, Royal Air Force, Catterick, Yorks. Cheques should be made payable to No. 41 Squadron Dinner Fund. Evening dress (with miniatures) will be worn.

R.A.F. BENEVOLENT FUND

The usual meeting of the Grants Committee was held at Iddesleigh House on February 8. Air Vice-Marshal C. A. H. Longcroft, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., was in the chair. The Committee made grants to the amount of £434 14s. 6d. The next meeting was fixed for February 22.